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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1951 (b)	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538	1,330,800
1952 (b)	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719	1,359,100
1953 (b)	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b)	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
1956	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623	1,649,000

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·28	22·21	10·30	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·63	22·93	9·95	22·29
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·03	22·36	9·45	21·15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7·91	(a) 22·28	(a) 9·19	19·30
1955	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7·94	(a) 22·30	(a) 8·92	18·37
1956	20,137	58,393	23,886	1,128	(a) 7·73	(a) 22·42	(a) 9·17	19·32

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Year ended 31st December.		
	1954.	1955.	1956.
Tuberculosis	245	222	194
Malignant Neoplasms	3,370	3,532	3,658
Diabetes	379	420	458
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	3,099	3,060	3,249
Diseases of the Heart	7,383	7,538	7,988
General Arteriosclerosis	830	791	940
Pneumonia	673	568	641
Nephritis and Nephrosis	354	311	311
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	658	602	657
Accidents	1,245	1,216	1,258

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1955—June ..	158.2	398.5	556.7	4.8	223.4	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0
1956—June ..	160.2	404.2	564.4	4.8	227.2	53.6	72.1	37.8	61.7	53.8
1957—January	160.1	402.4	562.5	4.6	223.7	51.0	73.1	38.2	63.0	55.4
February	160.6	404.1	564.7	4.6	225.0	51.4	73.3	38.1	63.3	55.3
March ..	160.5	404.9	565.4	4.7	226.1	51.4	73.5	37.7	63.2	55.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1955—June ..	39.2	187.8	227.0	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8
1956—June ..	41.9	191.3	233.2	0.1	89.4	1.3	11.6	33.8	24.3	63.0
1957—January	40.9	190.3	231.2	0.1	87.0	1.4	11.6	32.9	24.7	63.8
February	41.1	193.4	234.5	0.1	89.4	1.4	11.6	32.8	25.4	64.2
March ..	40.9	194.9	235.8	0.1	90.7	1.4	11.6	32.8	25.5	63.9
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1955—June ..	197.4	586.3	783.7	4.9	311.6	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8
1956—June ..	202.1	595.5	797.6	4.9	316.6	54.9	83.7	71.6	86.0	116.8
1957—January	201.0	592.7	793.7	4.7	310.7	52.4	84.7	71.1	87.7	119.2
February	201.7	597.5	799.2	4.7	314.4	52.8	84.9	70.9	88.7	119.5
March ..	201.4	599.8	801.2	4.8	316.8	52.8	85.1	70.5	88.7	119.2

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF
CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0
1957—May ..	255 0	252 0	252 0	252 0	259 0	255 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956, automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS
DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	s. d.
1953—November	237 0
1954—February	238 0
May	237 0
August	236 0
November	234 0
1955—February	235 0
May	237 0
August	240 0
November	246 0
1956—February	251 0
May	256 0
August (b)	263 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of Wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(b) Automatic adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers was discontinued after August, 1956.

NOTE.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 „ ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 „ ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 „ ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 „ ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1956 „ ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,665	385
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,475	64
September Qr. ..	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
December Qr. ..	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68
1956—March Qr. ..	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,545	302
June Qr. ..	7	5,287	110	5,397	10,114	33
September Qr. ..	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	29
December Qr. ..	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	21

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1947	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
„ 1956	2,567	2,529	2,540	2,538	2,592	2,564
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300
June Quarter..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328
September Qr.	2,392	2,365	2,359	2,363	2,419	2,389
December Qr.	2,436	2,408	2,406	2,407	2,472	2,433
1956—March Quarter	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478
June Quarter..	2,555	2,514	2,516	2,520	2,582	2,551
September Qr.	2,628	2,594	2,607	2,597	2,659	2,626
December Qr.	2,603	2,572	2,587	2,585	2,644	2,601
1957—March Quarter	2,546	2,519	2,528	2,523	2,582	2,544

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usage which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from homes produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338
1955-56—											
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	327	288	354	334
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	347	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	332	299	357	340
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	337	303	362	344
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	344	304	369	350
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	351	299	376	353
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	358	301	382	358
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	370	303	393	366
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	378	309	401	373
October ..	410	241	(b)503	344	306	467	(b)367	374	310	396	371
November ..	413	241	(b)522	344	306	467	(b)369	341	314	371	354
December ..	412	241	(b)528	344	307	467	(b)369	322	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	(b)533	344	307	467	(b)369	319	316	353	342
February ..	409	244	(b)544	344	298	467	(b)370	326	(b)318	358	346
March ..	407	244	(b)532	344	296	467	(b)368	330	(b)315	361	347

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—During 1956 supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated upwards and downwards between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "All Groups". Indexes for these items were reconstructed by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician by excluding potatoes and onions. Indexes shown in the above table however include potatoes and onions for these items for purposes of comparability with indexes for previous years.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1955-56	112,649	18,113	4,343	5,903	58,385	361,848	760,667
1st July, 1956, to 18th March, 1957	115,152	18,763	4,585	6,173	42,794	368,140	778,611

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1955-56	4,143	1,412	12,310	1,674
1st July, 1956, to 30th March, 1957	16,672	2,771	8,911	1,587

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
1956	57,452	13,974	97,402	168,828	5,279	2,909
At 31st March, 1957	57,929	14,033	100,075	172,037	5,882	3,198

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–18 War 1939–45 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–18 War, and 1939–45 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938-39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1952-53 " ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953-54 " ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954-55 " ..	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1955-56 " ..	457	2,373	686	3,688	1,614	4,476	2,757	10,537
1955-56—								
September Quarter ..	122	607	169	870	461	1,167	752	2,644
December Quarter ..	122	624	166	893	456	1,305	744	2,822
March Quarter ..	111	609	172	966	314	952	597	2,527
June Quarter ..	102	533	179	959	383	1,052	664	2,544
1956-57—								
September Quarter ..	106	538	161	810	392	998	659	2,346
December Quarter ..	139	707	152	802	418	1,168	709	2,677
March Quarter ..	122	668	149	785	396	1,006	667	2,459
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938-39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1952-53 " ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953-54 " ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954-55 " ..	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1955-56 " ..	429	2,190	484	2,691	1,842	5,592	2,755	10,473
1955-56—								
September Quarter ..	98	465	123	628	532	1,577	753	2,670
December Quarter ..	106	514	128	707	509	1,563	743	2,784
March Quarter ..	100	548	104	633	390	1,311	594	2,492
June Quarter ..	125	663	129	723	411	1,141	665	2,527
1956-57—								
September Quarter ..	94	478	117	553	438	1,252	649	2,283
December Quarter ..	133	676	110	616	452	1,316	695	2,608
March Quarter ..	105	560	139	752	431	1,169	675	2,481

(a) Includes overseas vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1953	173,201	574	173,775
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955	297,348	146	297,494
1956	299,296	53	299,349
Nine months ended 31st March, 1957 (a)	184,961	47	185,008
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1953	228,004	114	228,118
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955	216,508	64	216,572
1956	209,519	36	209,555
Nine months ended 31st March, 1957 (a)	183,238	3,243	186,481

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS ..	516	461	1,677	1,449
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.	2,369	3,275	5,613	7,549
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	87	91	319	260
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	1,994	1,112	6,453	3,803
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	52	28	120	76
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS	383	576	1,357	1,591
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	1,392	1,806	4,399	4,840
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	11,027	8,741	34,801	27,152
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	9,843	8,473	26,996	23,935
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	588	610	1,822	1,837
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	706	406	2,068	1,320
CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES	18,957	11,744	52,838	39,221
CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	2,775	2,205	6,493	7,601
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) ..	10,427	8,016	29,095	24,038
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	2,244	1,636	7,499	4,976
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	978	886	3,127	3,369
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	1,087	827	3,524	2,814
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD..	2,622	2,778	8,308	7,745
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY	936	862	3,114	2,812
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	623	462	2,713	1,851
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	709	589	2,164	1,966
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	1,907	2,014	6,390	6,456
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	6,328	2,699	17,857	8,300
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	12	30	43	47
GRAND TOTAL	78,562	60,327	228,799	185,008

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Classification.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	158	299	328	644
Lamb	1,042	1,113	4,448	2,147
Mutton	405	308	1,091	649
Pork	12	16	51	43
Poultry	3	9	46	37
Rabbits and Hares	264	421	833	1,439
Other	228	195	732	469
Preserved in Tins	1,241	1,374	4,348	3,197
Sausage Casings	379	330	1,126	920
Other	37	63	164	218
Butter	3,967	5,841	14,367	16,978
Cheese	303	1,013	1,280	2,441
Eggs	69	2	719	425
Milk and Cream	1,419	1,948	3,512	5,519
Other Animal Foodstuffs	198	521	1,480	954
Total, Class I.	9,725	13,453	34,525	36,880
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,710	3,536	6,976	9,798
Oats	438	265	957	680
Barley	382	280	547	1,180
Other	3	..	15	4
Prepared—				
Rice	91	2	369	84
Flour (Wheaten)	1,292	2,088	4,651	5,678
Malt	34	151	206	450
Other	135	195	430	386
Fruits—				
Fresh	389	445	971	1,123
Dried	109	37	3,491	1,354
Preserved in liquid	652	563	4,292	2,550
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	356	420	1,048	1,491
Total, Class II.	5,591	7,932	23,953	24,778
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	151	165	415	517
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	32	43	218	134
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	14	17	34	56

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Classification.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	139	56	1,089	632
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	146	216	549	575
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	1,578	1,765	5,162	4,963
Other	5	10	15	66
Wool—				
Greasy	18,193	36,822	53,087	78,628
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	2,988	5,286	9,595	12,713
Other Animal Substances	21	48	63	150
Total, Class VI.	23,070	44,203	69,560	97,727
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	16	31	137	132
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL	124	359	571	926
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES	1,894	2,142	3,635	4,144
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	19	50	113	158
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &c.	852	535	2,543	2,051
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY	984	3,072	4,604	9,049
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	319	432	1,079	1,167
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	33	34	138	141
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	49	55	125	144
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY	101	140	450	528
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	40	59	166	165
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	60	65	316	367
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	588	622	1,771	1,738
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	820	1,207	3,086	3,236
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	18	258	33	3,243
Australian Produce	44,158	74,068	146,316	184,351
Other Produce	342	856	1,156	2,130
GRAND TOTAL	44,500	74,924	147,472	186,481

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1957. (a)
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	113,159	133,950	129,187	77,339
Australian Territories	1,229	1,193	1,837	1,412
Borneo (British)	2,219	8,872	3,901	5,390
Canada	5,074	5,662	8,230	4,964
Ceylon	4,444	7,171	2,776	2,818
East Africa (British)	1,271	1,776	1,491	1,342
Hong Kong	384	666	735	567
India, Republic of	4,817	6,150	6,123	5,290
Malaya, Federation of	3,333	4,569	6,485	2,987
New Zealand	2,401	2,468	2,724	3,067
Pakistan	1,687	1,042	877	542
Rhodesia	1,352	1,978	1,604	1,043
Singapore	3,041	1,274	436	54
South Africa, Union of	917	1,690	1,260	760
Other British Possessions	1,468	1,954	1,351	1,271
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	5,494	4,195	2,311	422
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,849	6,369	9,455	7,299
Austria	771	1,472	1,607	834
Belgium	2,432	3,389	3,229	2,059
Brazil	397	854	397	392
China	576	422	621	477
Czechoslovakia	747	821	1,092	646
Finland	810	1,602	1,353	1,164
France	5,766	4,815	5,421	2,478
Germany	9,607	13,304	14,807	10,058
Indonesia, Republic of	6,500	5,185	6,432	4,284
Iran (Persia)	11	454	6,565	3,877
Italy	4,322	5,123	4,803	2,690
Japan	2,634	6,559	8,131	3,210
Netherlands	3,341	5,902	4,733	2,402
Netherlands Antilles	69	362	948	32
Norway	1,181	1,532	1,665	873
Sweden	3,557	4,614	3,704	2,619
Switzerland	3,356	3,767	4,092	2,277
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	337	418	347	158
United States of America	27,565	35,744	36,592	24,058
Venezuela	423	403	746	656
Other Foreign Countries	2,452	4,174	5,580	3,036
Country not stated	33	46	43	161
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	233,026	291,941	293,691	185,008

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1957 (a)
	1954.	1955.	1956.(a)	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	68,437	84,471	74,525	53,315
Australian Territories	1,119	1,803	1,991	1,534
Borneo (British)	369	559	619	404
Canada	3,038	3,325	3,564	2,021
Ceylon	4,792	3,018	2,809	2,604
Hong Kong	1,569	1,417	1,543	1,346
India, Republic of	2,832	5,998	4,687	6,678
Ireland, Republic of	866	1,059	317	415
Malaya, Federation of	3,795	3,657	3,205	3,083
Mauritius and Dependencies	835	615	310	457
New Zealand	8,822	10,053	10,598	9,298
Pakistan	828	822	731	1,396
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	428	398	404	434
Singapore	3,103	3,441	4,528	3,547
South Africa, Union of	1,406	1,235	918	984
Other British Countries	2,746	3,342	3,250	2,777
Arabia	653	733	638	749
Belgium	5,067	6,049	4,563	4,439
Czechoslovakia	696	1,697	1,544	484
Egypt	1,007	446	691	138
France	21,330	21,182	21,654	18,115
Germany	6,420	9,855	7,447	9,166
Indonesia, Republic of	2,026	1,335	2,351	1,767
Italy	13,832	11,377	11,237	12,926
Japan	11,331	12,404	19,665	23,380
Mexico	1,156	1,789	1,547	1,352
Netherlands	1,745	2,124	1,164	1,105
Poland	842	1,386	1,680	2,094
Sweden	1,510	914	999	535
Switzerland	898	750	847	672
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	10,497	153	..	17
United States of America	12,947	12,244	11,399	11,114
Other Foreign Countries	6,589	6,921	8,130	8,136
Total	203,581	216,572	209,555	186,482

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.					Year Ended 30th June—		
					1954.	1955.	1956.
Wool—							
Greasy	{	'000 lb.	236,716	251,970	278,130		
		£'000	87,936	84,101	78,165		
Scoured and Washed	{	'000 lb.	28,936	27,879	26,828		
		£'000	12,673	11,372	9,871		
Tops, Noils, and Waste	{	'000 lb.	6,279	4,871	10,799		
		£'000	2,507	1,352	4,175		
Butter	{	'000 lb.	38,484	80,297	107,542		
		£'000	6,986	13,642	16,870		
Wheat	{	tons	191,822	564,253	412,091		
		£'000	5,919	15,201	9,907		
Flour (wheaten)	{	'000 lb.	516,514	441,726	448,123		
		£'000	10,040	6,873	6,573		
Fruits—							
Dried	{	'000 lb.	104,210	113,391	102,394		
		£'000	4,857	5,764	5,572		
Fresh—							
Oranges	{	bushels	315,758	334,754	458,819		
		£'000	471	503	683		
Apples	{	bushels	118,724	112,966	89,338		
		£'000	161	155	123		
Pears	{	bushels	911,877	1,083,558	585,769		
		£'000	1,643	1,743	921		
Other Fresh Fruits	{	£'000	80	68	41		
Preserved in Liquid	{	'000 lb.	111,595	141,215	112,065		
		£'000	7,515	9,801	8,687		
Meats—							
Beef (chilled or frozen)	{	'000 lb.	8,696	10,359	4,396		
		£'000	641	913	483		
Lamb (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	22,774	58,397	50,450		
		£'000	1,782	6,280	4,756		
Mutton (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	24,488	22,237	21,434		
		£'000	836	1,065	1,293		
Pork (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	278	855	433		
		£'000	54	113	66		
Poultry (frozen)	{	£'000	140	101	49		
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{	£'000	1,105	1,008	1,372		
Preserved in Tins	{	'000 lb.	54,057	52,055	46,751		
		£'000	7,821	7,002	5,643		
Sausage Casings	{	£'000	958	1,408	1,533		
All Other Meats	{	£'000	748	1,152	1,088		
Milk and Cream	{	£'000	6,670	5,601	5,936		
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep (with wool)	{	'000 lb.	35,054	39,304	41,480		
		£'000	6,158	6,411	6,330		
Rabbit and Hare	{	'000 lb.	2,538	2,672	2,343		
		£'000	475	597	1,170		
Other Skins	{	£'000	1,002	840	1,134		
Tallow (inedible)	{	cwt.	192,477	143,088	354,432		
		£'000	675	620	1,443		
Eggs in shell	{	'000 doz.	2,024	3,368	2,544		
		£'000	447	493	382		
Eggs not in shell	{	£'000	1,064	478	343		
Cheese	{	'000 lb.	37,865	31,579	17,992		
		£'000	4,093	3,361	1,955		

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months ended 31st December, 1956.
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,574	4,458	4,449	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. '000	7,671	8,193	8,235	8,298	4,170
Country .. '000	4,764	4,616	4,615	4,677	2,372
Goods	5,455	5,494	5,890	5,660	2,691
Total .. '000	17,890	18,303	18,740	18,635	9,233
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	157,658	160,651	160,282	82,448
Country .. '000	6,578	8,447	8,553	6,427	2,538
Total .. '000	142,124	166,105	169,204	166,709	84,986
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,622	9,508	9,127	4,256
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	579	575	480	236
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	6,088,695	6,429,202	6,262,338	3,104,169
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,269,772	1,426,415	1,324,877	601,931
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. miles	127·26	138·01	141·47	137·91	134·01

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban miles '000	9	4,131	29	..	1	4,170
Country miles '000	335	..	874	150	1,013	2,372
Goods Trains miles '000	1,405	..	..	364	922	2,691
Total Traffic Train Mileage miles '000	1,749	4,131	903	514	1,936	9,233

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months ended 31st December, 1956.
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	35,706	37,697	37,042	18,471
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,931	2,144	..	(c)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	37,637	39,841	37,042	(c)
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	35,950	37,032	38,026	19,257
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	1,687	2,809	—984	(c)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,591	2,848	3,180	(c)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—904	—39	—4,164	(c)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Period from 1st July 1956, to 16th March, 1957.
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	129·6	129·6	138·4	138·4
Single miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	64·1	64·1	62·5	62·5
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways ,000	22,981	22,000	21,046	22,253	15,908
Motor Omnibuses ,000	2,165	7,892	7,241	5,859	4,193
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways ,000	182,094	204,747	202,437	207,914	144,597
Motor Omnibuses ,000	11,911	59,111	56,511	37,209	24,365
Revenue—					
Traffic Receipts	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other	2,305	6,598	6,443	7,155	5,369
	15	82	92	88	106
Total Revenue	2,320	6,680	6,535	7,243	5,475
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and					
Appropriations	2,318	6,929	6,968	7,956	6,184
Surplus on Operation	2	..	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	249	433	713	708

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.					Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
					Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1952-53	..	..	..	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953-54	..	..	..	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55	..	..	..	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
1955-56	..	..	..	52,860	11,898	4,567	69,325	2,356
9 Months ended 31st March, 1957	..	..	..	34,624	7,230	2,684	44,538	1,542
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1952-53	..	..	..	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953-54	..	..	..	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55	..	..	..	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
1955-56	..	..	..	19,628	4,594	3,375	27,597	5,342
9 Months ended 31st March, 1957	..	..	..	15,523	3,713	2,698	21,934	3,671
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1952-53	..	..	..	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953-54	..	..	..	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55	..	..	..	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
1955-56	..	..	..	420,523	81,741	45,563	547,827	19,934
9 Months ended 31st March, 1957	..	..	..	341,011	63,140	37,333	441,484	14,662
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1952-53	..	..	..	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953-54	..	..	..	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55	..	..	..	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150
1955-56	..	..	..	493,011	98,233	53,505	644,749	27,632
9 Months ended 31st March, 1957	..	..	..	391,158	74,083	42,715	507,956	19,875

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	72	62	41
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	1,737	1,535	1,034
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	1,809	1,597	1,075
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,282	5,270	5,543
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,748	2,768	3,015
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	8,030	8,038	8,558
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	9,529	10,181	10,762
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,232	1,317	1,441
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,227	8,219	8,390
Primary Producers	699	9,991	10,770	10,920
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	669	744	765
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	25,115	25,385	25,095
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Waggon and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	7,193	7,791	7,097
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	61,956	64,407	64,470
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry				
Passengers	558	170	138	118
Aircraft Licences .. .. .	..	1	35	..
Grand Total Licences	35,970	71,966	74,215	74,221
Permits to operate temporarily outside the condition of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	7,777	8,602	7,949
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	86,905	84,668	83,049(b)
Total Permits	(a)	94,682	93,270	90,998

(a) Not available.

(b) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.
(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
<i>City of Melbourne (a)</i>						
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1952-53 "	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54 "	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55 "	1,108	38	1,282	3,999	287	5,516
1955-56 "	1,075	26	1,225	4,283	364	5,951
1954-55—						
September Quarter	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
June Quarter	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
1955-56—						
September Quarter	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
March Quarter	319	9	363	1,167	89	1,556
June Quarter	278	5	327	1,077	100	1,509
1956-57—						
September Quarter	298	11	359	988	80	1,438
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>						
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1952-53 "	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54 "	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55 "	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56 "	5,248	192	6,307	10,606	582	13,483
1954-55—						
September Quarter	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042
June Quarter	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
1955-56—						
September Quarter	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408
March Quarter	1,211	35	1,465	2,697	133	3,384
June Quarter	1,424	80	1,639	2,779	185	3,475
1956-57						
September Quarter	1,379	66	1,657	2,665	157	3,454
<i>Total—Victoria</i>						

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	14,364	17,206	20,861	22,904
Railways	9,349	31,520	35,698	37,522	37,147
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	5,179	5,393	6,343	6,860
Land	387	2,663	2,683	2,259	2,322
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	2,641	3,054	3,664	4,138
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
,, States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	26,028	29,352	32,397	36,044
,, States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act .. .. .	..	262	..	..	..
,, States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	7,131	5,622	4,959	3,399
All other Revenue	857	4,934	5,470	6,484	8,058
Total Revenue	26,986	96,849	106,605	116,616	122,999
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	40 16 5	44 0 0	46 17 4	47 19 2

(a) For details see page 26.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	9,067	10,760	12,972	15,125
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	575	559	533	492
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	2,587	2,928	3,187	3,475
Other	62	69	80	90	68
Railways	7,694	32,976	34,465	35,445	36,046
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	980	4,025	4,180	4,133	4,242
Education	3,123	15,987	17,391	19,423	23,275
Public Health	143	947	1,078	1,117	1,251
Hospitals	1,054	10,570	11,601	14,574	15,446
Other Charities (a)	2,302	2,417	2,867	3,559	3,973
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	5,736	6,005	6,377	7,262
All other Expenditure	2,962	12,258	13,980	13,869	15,589
Total Expenditure	27,773	97,214	105,894	115,279	126,244
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. s.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population ..	14 16 8	40 19 6	43 14 1	46 6 7	49 4 5

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	57	27	22	25
Land Tax	482	1,370	2,016	2,625	3,250
Probate Duty	1,374	4,833	5,387	6,305	7,102
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	3,206	3,685	4,171	4,380
Motor Taxation	1,914	5,455	5,883	6,330	6,778
Racing Taxation	391(b)	2,254	2,451	2,100	2,066
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	..	656	996	1,054
Liquor Licences	255	1,761	1,963	2,108	2,310
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. .. .	..	..	..	2,598	2,793
All other Taxes	110	221	232	242	245
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	14,364	17,206	20,861	22,904
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	4,793	5,094	6,636	7,099
Total State Collections	12,023	19,157	22,300	27,497	30,003
Tax Reimbursement by Commonwealth .. .. .	..	26,028	29,352	32,397	36,044
Grand Total	12,023	45,185	51,652	59,894	66,047
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of Population—					
State Collections	6 8 5	8 1 6	9 4 1	11 1 0	11 13 11
Commonwealth Reimbursement .. .. .	..	10 19 5	12 2 3	13 0 5	14 1 1
Total	6 8 5	19 0 11	21 6 4	24 1 5	25 15 0

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS

Heads of Expenditure	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1956.
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	8,839	8,183	7,867	105,512
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,537	1,126	1,106	20,413
Water Supply and Sewerage	8,572	9,565	7,780	93,324
Electricity Supply	6,000	2,000	1,000	44,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	4,845	5,374	6,885	37,470
Hospitals	5,390	4,790	5,124	28,221
Other	753	1,070	1,215	7,800
Housing	41	147	105	10,065
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	691	573	817	10,096
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,923	4,999	3,900	88,623
Advances to Settlers (b) .. .. .	..	..	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	2	..	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat	250	..	..	1,404
Forestry	900	899	800	14,781
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	5	7	12	864
Other Primary Production	75	69	69	1,966
Coal (Overseas Purchase) .. .. .	..	..	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	1,995	1,195	1,170	11,759
Rural Finance Corporation	700	800	920	5,739
Other Purposes	146	155	360	1,908
Total Public Works, &c.	45,664	40,952	39,130	533,083
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	..	..	15,455
Grand Total	45,664	40,952	39,130	548,538

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1954	44,908	3,600	328,456	376,964	153 14 4
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7
1956	44,705	3,430	397,578	445,713	171 1 10

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1951-52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
„ 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
„ 1953-54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
„ 1954-55	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52·62
„ 1955-56	104,128	370,587	474,715	263,064	55·42
Quarter ended March, 1956	105,997	380,275	486,272	257,838	53·02
„ „ June, 1956	102,326	369,047	471,373	263,651	55·93
„ „ September, 1956	106,525	343,960	450,485	256,247	56·88
„ „ December, 1956	110,565	362,314	472,879	247,774	52·40
„ „ March, 1957	113,964	379,292	493,256	237,245	48·12
1956—Month of January	108,868	377,718	486,586	256,771	52·77
„ „ February	105,832	378,814	484,646	256,517	52·93
„ „ March	103,333	384,657	487,990	260,556	53·39
1957—Month of January	115,208	368,270	483,478	239,917	49·62
„ „ February	113,240	381,261	494,501	236,392	47·80
„ „ March	113,135	391,100	504,235	234,759	46·56

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.							Total Amount Cleared.
							£'000
1929 Year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1952 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1956 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,328,831
1955—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,189,412
June Quarter ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,369,883
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,209,314
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,398,692
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199
June Quarter ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,473,267
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,225,359
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,408,006
1957—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,374,809

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank. (a)	Common- wealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1950	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
1956	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148 4 9
At end of March, 1957	262,227	112,605	27,341	402,173	(c) 152 16 0

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES: HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by
retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period. (Quarter ended.)				New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
				Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.								
Year—1954	60,610	3,196	142,352	206,158	..			
„ 1955	75,583	4,632	155,893	236,108	..			
1955—March	15,714	953	38,524	55,191	..			
June	18,575	1,010	35,761	55,346	..			
September	19,958	1,060	37,856	58,874	..			
December	21,336	1,609	43,752	66,697	..			
1956—March	18,630	1,187	41,701	61,518	..			
June	18,998	1,189	34,446	54,633	..			
September	20,676	1,319	33,695	55,690	..			
December	21,365	1,690	41,041	64,096	..			
1957—March	19,575	1,292	41,391	62,258	..			
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).								
Year—1954	41,582	2,309	10,647	54,538	..			
„ 1955	55,146	2,736	12,452	70,334	..			
1955—March	11,637	602	3,124	15,363	..			
June	13,474	506	2,609	16,589	..			
September	14,566	548	2,936	18,050	..			
December	15,469	1,080	3,783	20,332	..			
1956—March	13,291	715	3,709	17,715	..			
June	14,550	799	2,559	17,908	..			
September	15,289	773	2,526	18,588	..			
December	15,715	971	3,717	20,403	..			
1957—March	13,772	863	3,973	18,608	..			
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).								
Year—1954	24,845	1,415	8,572	34,832	..			
„ 1955	33,143	1,663	10,204	45,010	..			
1955—March	6,845	367	2,585	9,797	41,843			
June	8,055	302	2,098	10,455	44,590			
September	8,760	328	2,427	11,515	48,283			
December	9,483	666	3,094	13,243	53,180			
1956—March	7,987	430	2,975	11,392	55,030			
June	8,707	489	2,068	11,264	56,025			
September	9,506	494	2,018	12,018	57,748			
December	9,872	603	2,985	13,460	61,023			
1957—March	8,687	525	3,183	12,395	61,848			

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months ended 31st March, 1957.
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Number Registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	537	1,521	1,937	2,081	415
Foreign	37	116	141	148	24
Mining	28	15	3	4	..
Total	602	1,652	2,081	2,233	439
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	17,302	104,166	96,189	98,702	19,445
Foreign	8,975	39,099	91,670	99,875	8,602
Mining .. .. .	..	82	11	110	..
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	10,229	14,983	16,573	18,537	18,866
Foreign	643	1,306	1,420	1,548	1,557
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	118,829	90,997	77,163	4,847
Mining	1,097	11,899	1,999	4,170	..

VICTORIA—PROBATE RETURNS.

Group.	1953.		1954.		1955.	
	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.
		£		£		£
Under £100	497	27,109	563	30,328	546	29,218
£100 and under £300 ..	1,074	215,341	1,159	223,898	1,122	218,203
£300	896	356,042	944	371,023	883	347,902
£500	1,716	1,256,853	1,857	1,374,378	1,624	1,200,998
£1,000	2,197	3,211,292	2,325	3,404,383	2,204	3,199,329
£2,000	1,346	3,153,924	1,525	3,851,701	1,449	3,581,259
£3,000	842	2,914,295	925	3,195,095	942	3,256,239
£4,000	521	2,337,024	645	2,884,109	623	2,789,514
£5,000	1,435	10,136,418	1,480	10,382,529	1,377	9,643,884
£10,000	565	6,893,770	544	6,535,028	512	6,239,001
£15,000	424	8,150,951	462	8,839,043	430	8,186,010
£25,000	262	8,967,209	295	10,008,953	308	10,214,025
£50,000	79	5,259,846	95	6,318,906	88	5,852,934
£100,000 and over ..	26	5,774,765	29	5,283,159	31	7,341,894
Total	11,880	58,654,839	12,848	62,702,533	12,139	62,100,410

	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£	£	£
Gross Value of Estates—			
Real	23,937,402	26,488,445	25,773,210
Personal	38,408,277	40,027,951	40,132,719
Total	62,345,679	66,516,396	65,905,929
Liabilities	3,690,840	3,813,863	3,805,519
Net Value of Estates ..	58,654,839	62,702,533	62,100,410
Average Net Value per Estate	4,937	4,880	5,116

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	North- ern.	North- Central.	North- Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps- land.	
Averages	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1911–1940 (a)	12·49	17·52	18·09	28·16	34·81	27·59	28·89	33·47	24·30
Year—									
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1956 ..	20·85	24·31	31·45	41·17	55·59	34·02	34·29	44·25	34·69
1956—									
January ..	0·65	0·72	2·25	2·97	5·11	1·46	3·09	5·24	2·55
February	0·07	0·06	0·39	0·18	0·88	0·12	0·15	0·96	0·37
March ..	3·26	3·22	4·98	3·47	6·35	3·07	2·32	3·52	3·79
Three Mon- ths of 1956	3·98	4·00	7·62	6·62	12·34	4·65	5·56	9·72	6·71
1957—									
January ..	0·02	0·09	0·05	0·31	0·13	0·21	0·32	0·54	0·20
February	3·21	3·39	1·84	1·83	1·39	3·10	1·40	1·58	2·37
March	0·68	1·19	1·22	1·66	2·43	1·91	1·42	2·16	1·56
Three Mon- ths of 1957	3·91	4·67	3·11	3·80	3·95	5·22	3·14	4·28	4·13

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS, 1955-56.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value (a).
	Acres.		£
Cereals for Grain—			
Barley			
2 row	290,716	6,487,849 bushels	3,311,908
6 row	18,395	389,012 bushels	147,335
Maize—Hybrid	2,730	149,338 bushels	135,002
Not Hybrid	805	26,475 bushels	
Oats	871,068	14,858,117 bushels	4,671,021
Rye	20,043	110,451 bushels	60,748
Wheat	2,141,410	41,083,071 bushels	26,046,763
Hay—			
Barley and Rye	1,482	2,361 tons	20,552
Lucerne	69,305	140,363 tons	1,588,938
Meadow	576,625	1,013,912 tons	9,095,918
Oaten	198,873	317,197 tons	2,897,526
Wheaten	33,003	52,164 tons	457,950
Green Fodder	75,815	.. .. .	526,836
Straw .. .. .	.. .. .	30,000 tons	303,000
Grass and Clover Seed	27,135	42,195 cwt.	520,424
Industrial Crops—			
Broom Millet	68	374 cwt. fibre	3,919
Flax	2,550	180 cwt seed	198
Linseed	580	4,637 tons of straw	74,316
Hops	388	3,760 bushels	6,696
Mustard	301	6,084 cwt.	231,400
Tobacco	2,876	1,177 cwt.	8,680
Chicory	200	10,134 cwt.	571,090
		433 tons	45,465
Vegetables—			
Onions	3,337	20,299 tons	940,270
Potatoes	37,020	163,239 tons	12,485,900
Other	34,893	167,517 tons	9,432,426
Stock Fodder—			
Grey and Other Field Peas	10,691	246,586 bushels	212,680
Pumpkins	288	1,504 tons	37,600
Turnips, Beet &c.	6,017	29,508 tons	885,240
Vineyards—			
Grapes—			
Table	2,566	3,633 tons	290,640
Wine	4,431	7,544 tons	114,957
Drying	35,298	Wine made, 1,341,797 gallons	
		143,195 tons producing—	
		26,521 tons of sultanas	3,294,227
		2,897 tons of rasins	300,987
		5,150 tons of currants	647,806
Vines, unproductive	2,522	.. .. .	.. .. .
Orchards—			
Productive	50,913	.. .. .	8,790,972
Unproductive	14,301	.. .. .	.. .. .
All Other Crops	5,451	.. .. .	742,889
Total Crops	4,542,096	.. .. .	88,902,279

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
<i>Area of Crops.</i>							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1951-52	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
1955-56	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	(c)879,288	37,020	35,298	50,913
<i>Total Production.</i>							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
1955-56	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	1,525,997	163,239	34,568	..
<i>Average Yield per Acre.</i>							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..
1954-55	20·28	15·55	17·63	1·63	4·69	1·50	..
1955-56	19·19	17·06	22·25	1·74	4·41	0·98	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1955-56 amounted to 2,566, 4,431, and 2,522 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1955-56 was 14,301 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 33,033 acres and oats 198,873 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1956.

Variety.	Area (Actual).	Percentage of Total Area.
	Acres.	%
Insignia	857,331	54·11
Pinnacle	309,042	19·50
Quadrat	182,434	11·51
Sherpa	128,396	8·10
Gabo	29,516	1·86
Magnet	17,572	1·11
Insignia 49	16,340	1·03
Bencubbin	13,994	0·88
Baldmin	4,717	0·30
Pindar	3,486	0·22
Ghurka	3,196	0·20
Sabre	2,708	0·17
Kendee	2,298	0·14
Javelin	1,655	0·10
Koorda	1,526	0·10
Bungulla	1,318	0·08
Scimitar	888	0·06
Blue Stem	783	0·05
Diadem	773	0·05
Warigo	568	0·04
Federation	545	0·03
Turvey	417	0·03
Gluyas	389	0·02
All other varieties and unknown seed	4,660	0·31
Total	1,584,552	100·00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	22,329,515
1956	118,705	1,662,548	954,039	2,616,587	227,223	23,343,212
1957	107,859	1,720,564	1,044,485	(a) 2,765,049	258,336	(a) 25,830,544

(a) The highest numbers ever recorded

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1950-51	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,946	146·18
1951-52	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16
1955-56	238,546	34,810	273,356	69,020	60·60

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Culled Cattle. (a)	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	142,980	60,221	15,394	38,435	40,263	7,720	..	305,013
North-Central ..	18,003	10,717	2,932	6,337	7,728	1,303	..	47,020
Western ..	158,110	104,705	26,079	51,318	51,223	10,716	..	402,151
Wimmera ..	12,920	8,859	3,197	4,024	6,472	1,711	..	37,183
Mallee ..	14,021	5,683	2,246	3,718	5,811	1,186	..	32,665
Northern ..	138,267	37,656	18,153	35,028	47,350	7,611	..	284,065
North-Eastern ..	55,013	46,870	17,098	16,779	24,199	3,949	..	163,908
Gippsland ..	233,959	64,309	22,938	51,830	64,985	10,538	..	448,559
Totals at 31st March, 1957 ..	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	..	1,720,564
Totals at 31st March—								
1953 ..	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	..	1,476,980
1954 ..	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	12,238	1,552,968
1955 ..	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	13,189	1,612,910
1956 ..	780,132	291,304	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	..	1,662,548
1957 ..	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	..	1,720,564

(a) Collected as such only in 1954 and 1955.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	28,248	1,052,087	91,749	641,483	421,239	2,234,806
North-Central ..	20,928	805,616	60,373	669,482	350,476	1,906,875
Western ..	98,135	3,376,135	420,587	2,511,696	1,730,540	8,137,093
Wimmera ..	42,192	1,737,966	174,195	1,391,587	919,541	4,265,481
Mallee ..	20,246	1,086,179	19,922	293,988	493,457	1,913,792
Northern ..	55,760	2,303,893	77,949	763,079	1,010,692	4,211,373
North-Eastern ..	22,652	940,123	48,462	406,929	364,268	1,782,434
Gippsland ..	14,522	628,578	48,885	398,863	287,842	1,378,690
Totals at 31st March, 1957 ..	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544
Totals at 31st March—						
1953 ..	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954 ..	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955 ..	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	22,329,515
1956 ..	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212
1957 ..	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544

(a) Includes breeding ewes not mated, 726,816 this season as compared with 768,078 in the previous season (1956).

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956. (c)
Factories No.	9,250	15,533	15,861	16,053
Persons employed (a)—				
Males No.	136,218	240,698	251,675	258,006
Females	65,613	90,579	94,973	97,179
Total No.	201,831	331,277	346,648	355,185
Wages paid (b)—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	190,573	213,377	234,784
Females	7,021	45,463	49,373	52,160
Total	36,027	236,036	262,750	286,944
Value of—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	27,540	30,002	32,666
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	18,123	21,422	23,547
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	531,528	597,009	653,231
Production (net)	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948
Output	152,968	985,505	1,100,656	1,201,392
Land and buildings	42,026	158,389	186,324	214,921
Machinery and plant	38,570	181,059	226,347	258,296

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Preliminary figures

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956. (a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	7,730	9,302	10,408
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	6,205	7,122	7,862
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	27,346	33,067	39,959
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	138,569	157,227	174,154
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	3,103	3,169	3,376
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	43,860	43,924	45,289
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	6,464	6,588	6,439
Clothing	7,865	41,286	43,224	44,817
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	55,231	57,250	60,221
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	16,383	18,943	19,865
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,301	7,106	7,921
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.	4,930	27,373	31,287	32,300
Rubber	1,573	9,296	9,949	11,426
Musical instruments	24	296	304	377
Miscellaneous products	722	10,357	11,881	13,333
Heat, light, and power	2,328	8,514	11,880	14,201
Total	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following :—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

(a) Preliminary figures.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1955-56.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production.(a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production.(b)	Net Value of Production	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture	88,751	14,098	74,653	9,115	65,538	25 11 1
Pastoral	123,757	11,715	112,042	7,222	104,820	40 17 4
Dairying	70,094	2,500	67,594	13,293	54,301	21 3 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	21,394	1,623	19,771	6,743	13,028	5 1 7
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	16,961	1,207	15,754	..	15,754	6 2 10
Mining	11,726	810	10,916	2,049	8,867	3 9 2
Total Primary ..	332,683	31,953	300,730	38,422	262,308	102 5 5
Manufacturing (c) ..	491,948	..	491,948	..	491,948	191 16 1
Total all Industries ..	824,631	31,953	792,678	38,422	754,256	294 1 6

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8
1954-55 ..	24 14 6	45 1 10	18 13 2	4 17 8	5 4 5	3 5 6	181 15 1	283 12 2
1955-56 ..	25 11 1	40 17 4	21 3 5	5 1 7	6 2 10	3 9 2	191 16 1	294 1 6

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manufactured. (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately-operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended	31st	Dec-	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955	133	7,721	1,505	11	875	10,112	636
1956	119	8,106	1,548	7	899	10,560	620
1955—									
March Quarter	32	1,753	331	..	185	2,269	156
June Quarter	32	1,970	380	..	222	2,572	168
September Quarter	34	2,061	413	..	256	2,730	161
December Quarter	35	1,937	381	11	212	2,541	151
1956—									
March Quarter	26	1,884	361	4	190	2,439	163
June Quarter	29	2,056	395	..	222	2,673	160
September Quarter	32	2,192	427	1	261	2,881	156
December Quarter	32	1,974	365	2	226	2,567	141
1957—									
March Quarter	32	1,931	392	32	212	2,567	162

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.			Interstate.			Overseas.			
			From New South Wales.	From Queensland.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Grand Total—Interstate and Overseas.
Year ended 31st December—			'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939			1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	1,404
1949			1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	1,551
1950			1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	1,580
1951			1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	1,519
1952			1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	1,854
1953			1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	1,439
1954			1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	1,395
1955			1,241	121	1,362	..	..	..	1,362
1956			1,111	82	1,193	..	..	..	1,193
1955—									
March Quarter ..			253	22	275	..	..	..	275
June Quarter ..			352	19	371	..	..	..	371
September Quarter ..			338	53	391	..	..	..	391
December Quarter ..			298	27	325	..	..	..	325
1956—									
March Quarter ..			191	8	199	..	..	..	199
June Quarter ..			319	26	345	..	..	..	345
September Quarter ..			335	24	359	..	..	..	359
December Quarter ..			266	24	290	..	..	..	290
1957—									
March Quarter ..			196	33	229	..	..	..	229

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1950-51 " ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 " ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 " ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 " ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 " ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1955-56 " ..	459·3	3,970·0	4,429·3	455·8	3,726·4	4,182·2
1954-55—						
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9
June Quarter ..	51·9	1,035·1	1,087·0	51·4	971·3	1,022·7
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	123·3	1,050·3	1,173·6	122·3	984·8	1,107·1
December Quarter ..	122·9	927·5	1,050·4	122·0	869·1	991·1
March Quarter ..	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6
June Quarter ..	142·6	1,059·1	1,201·7	141·7	995·7	1,137·4
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	97·7	1,201·4	1,299·1	96·7	1,132·1	1,228·8
December Quarter ..	176·4	962·9	1,139·3	175·5	901·9	1,077·4
March Quarter ..	67·3	1,011·0	1,078·3	66·8	946·8	1,013·6

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1955-56, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1948 "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 "	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 "	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 "	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 "	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955 "	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1956 "	13,023	44,059	1,296	14,600	21,051	12,431	35,370	71,090
1955—								
March Quarter ..	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376
June Quarter ..	3,559	11,187	313	3,842	5,355	3,514	9,227	18,543
September Quarter ..	3,846	12,352	335	3,930	5,492	3,371	9,673	19,653
December Quarter ..	3,571	11,625	282	3,264	4,970	2,820	8,823	17,709
1956—								
March Quarter ..	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,973	8,781	17,239
June Quarter ..	3,483	11,912	353	4,853	5,800	3,158	9,636	19,923
September Quarter ..	3,117	10,809	316	4,168	5,276	3,511	8,709	18,488
December Quarter ..	2,990	9,972	352	2,678	4,902	2,790	8,244	15,440
1957—								
March Quarter ..	3,095	11,019	270	2,154	5,297	3,182	8,662	16,355

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£,000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1948 „	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 „	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 „	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 „	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 „	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 „	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 „	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955 „	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,567
1956 „	798	2,630	179	2,285	1,526	1,143	2,503	6,058
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
June Quarter ..	220	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318
September Quarter..	243	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
December Quarter ..	207	642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369
June Quarter ..	207	674	44	580	456	358	707	1,612
September Quarter ..	181	633	49	438	377	293	607	1,364
December Quarter ..	209	701	47	793	341	219	597	1,713
1957—								
March Quarter ..	188	608	20	251	345	704	553	1,563

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let (a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1955-56 ..	1,029(b)	1,109	2,138	2,625(b)	1,527	4,152
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	218(b)	220	438	636(b)	382	1,018
December Quarter ..	560(b)	502	1,062	587(b)	423	1,010
March Quarter ..	121(b)	276	397	601(b)	289	890
June Quarter ..	130(b)	111	241	801(b)	433	1,234
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	214(b)	219	433	360(b)	314	674
December Quarter ..	268(b)	128	396	389(b)	338	727
March Quarter ..	480(b)	327	807	268(b)	206	474
Grand Total to 31st March, 1957 ..	21,154	14,205	35,359	20,514	13,566	34,080

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong ..	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings ..	106	103

Not.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.

HOUSES SOLD.

The number of Housing Commission houses sold to 31st March, 1957, was 2,843.